IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

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IN RE REGIONS MORGAN KEEGAN) MDL Docket No. 2009
SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE and ERISA)
LITIGATION)
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This Document Relates to:)
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In re Regions Morgan Keegan Open-End)
Mutual Fund Litigation,)
Master File No.2:07-cv-02784-SHM-dvk)
and)
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In re Regions Morgan Keegan Closed-End)
Fund Litigation,)
Master File No. 2:07-cv-02830-SHM-dvk)
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MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY IN LOUISIANA STATE COURT ACTION FILED BY MORGAN ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.

Defendant Morgan Asset Management, Inc. ("MAM"), files this Motion to Stay Discovery and respectfully requests that this Court stay certain discovery in the Louisiana state court action, Firefighters' Retirement System v. Regions Bank, No. C567874 Section 25, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Firefighters' Action").

As grounds for this motion, MAM states that the plaintiff in that action, Firefighters' Retirement System ("FRS"), is pursuing claims in the Firefighters' Action that substantially overlap with claims asserted in the federal securities actions pending before this Court. Specifically, FRS seeks recovery for losses sustained in connection with its investment in the RMK Select High Income Fund (the "Fund"). In furtherance of these claims, FRS seeks wide ranging document discovery regarding the Fund and MAM and deposition and court testimony that threaten this Court's jurisdiction with respect to the federal securities actions pending before

it. FRS has declined to coordinate discovery that overlaps with the actions pending before this Court and the discovery sought by FRS is the subject of a motion to compel presently scheduled to be heard by the state court in Baton Rouge on *Monday*, *August 24*, *2009*. As such, MAM respectfully requests expedited consideration of this motion.

MAM requests that this Court exercise its authority under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act ("PSLRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(b)(3)(B), and the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act ("SLUSA") to "stay discovery proceedings in any private action in a State court as necessary in aid of its jurisdiction, or to protect or effectuate its judgments . . ."

15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(b)(3)(D). Specifically, MAM requests that this Court exercise its authority under the PSLRA and SLUSA to stay discovery in the Firefighters' Action related to alleged mismanagement of the Fund, the valuation, liquidity and concentration of Fund assets, Fund policies and procedures and alleged misrepresentations and/or omissions concerning the Fund.

A memorandum of law, the Declaration of Matthew M. Curley and a proposed order are submitted in support of this motion.

DATED this 21st day of August 2009.

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